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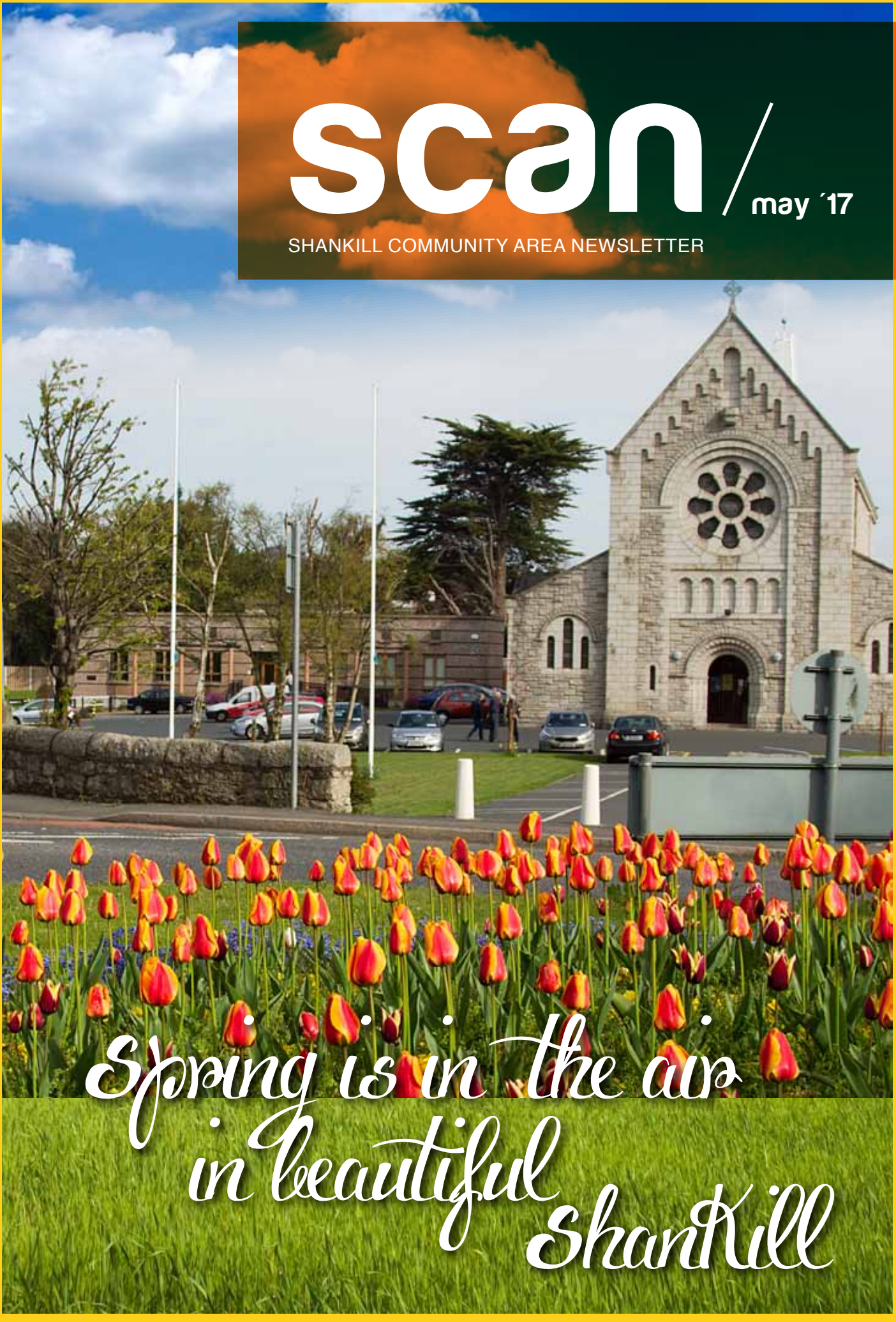

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Shankill, Loughlinstown & Ballybrack
Local Policing Forum

Notice of Public Meeting

Have you concerns or issues relating to public safety in your community?

You are invited to attend a public meeting of the Shankill, Loughlinstown & Ballybrack Local Policing Forum

Venue, St Laurence College, Loughlinstown.
at 7.30 p.m. Monday, May 22nd , 2017

Raise Issues, Get Feedback, All Welcome

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A BIG THANK YOU

The SCAN team would like to thank Principal Mr.John Fingleton and the staff of St. Anne's National School for their continued support. They provide us with office space in the Portacabin in the grounds of the school, accept SCAN post, act as key holders etc.

Their general support is very much appreciated by the SCAN team. Indeed, without their support it would be very difficult to continue to publish the monthly SCAN community newsletter.

KEEP DOGS ON LEAD IN PUBLIC PARK

We have received a complaint from a lady who used to enjoy walking and running in the beautiful Shanganagh Park, Shankill. However she and many others can no longer enjoy this pleasure as they are scared of dogs who roam freely. It is important that dog owners ensure they have their dogs on a lead in public spaces. If you wish to allow your dog to run freely there is a designated space in Shanganagh Park, over the bridge towards the coast.

Loughlinstown Pitch and Putt Club

Juvenile Section

Loughlinstown Pitch and Putt Club is delighted to announce that it is relaunching the Juvenile section in the club. The juvenile section will be for 12 -15 years old. There will be a limit on available places. Weekly competitions will be held during the summer. The membership fee for juveniles will be €40. Free coaching will be available from JR Crangle (world cup winner), and Noel Flanagan.
For more information call ***086 836 8657***

REMINDER

South Shankill Residents' Association

Please return your membership application form and €5.00 subscription to **your estate committee member** as soon as possible.

Thank You.

NATIONAL PYJAMA DAY

The children of Little Eaton Montessori, Corbawn Lane took part in national pyjama day recently on 3 March 2017.

They raised over €130 for children's charities supporting children with additional needs. They all had great fun wearing their pjs and so did the teachers!

John Scottus Primary School

Tuesday 9th May, 7:30pm. Information evening for John Scottus Primary School, Old Conna, Ferndale Road. Opening in August 2017.

SOS Shankill 120 Charity Cycle on 27 May

Suicide or Survive is delighted to be running our 3rd Annual SOS Shankill 120 Charity Cycle on Saturday 27th May, kindly sponsored by Brady's of Shankill.

This year, yet again, we will have a choice of 2 routes – 120KM for the experienced cyclist and 40KM for those looking for a more leisurely route.

Each group will start from Brady's of Shankill from 9am and return to Brady's afterward for a fun filled evening to celebrate your achievement with music, complimentary BBQ and Prosecco.

Early bird registration of €20 is open now until 13th May afterwards registration will be €30.

Register at ***http://tinyurl.com/SOSshankill120***

For further details email ***jacqui@suicideorsurvive.ie*** or ***emma@johnbradygroup.ie*** or call us on ***1890 577 577.***

We're looking forward to seeing you on the day!

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a free, confidential and impartial service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of issues. Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

Student Grant Scheme

The student grant scheme is the main financial support for students. The scheme is governed by legislation made under the Student Support Act 2011. Student grants are divided into maintenance grants, fee grants and the postgraduate contribution. Since 1 September 2015, "school leavers" who have been in the asylum protection system for 5 years, and meet certain criteria can apply for student supports under the ***Pilot Student Support Scheme.***

Other financial supports to students: There is detailed information on the range of grants and funds for students in further and higher education on the website ***www.studentfinance.ie*** - for example it has details of the Fund for Students with Disabilities, the Student Assistance Fund and some third-level scholarships.

Maintenance grants - are a contribution towards the student's living costs. Maintenance grants are available for approved courses below graduate level in Ireland and other EU states.

Fee grants - can cover any of the following 3 elements: all or part of the student contribution; costs of essential field trips; all or part of a student's tuition fees (unless covered by the Free Fees Scheme). In general, if you qualify for a maintenance grant you will qualify for all elements of the fee grant. However, you will not get the tuition element of a fee grant if you already qualify for free tuition under the ***Free Fees Schemes.*** You may qualify for a fee grant, but not a maintenance grant, if you are a 'tuition student' under the ***Student Grant Scheme***. A tuition student is someone who fulfils all the conditions for a student grant except for residence in the State, but who has been resident in an EEA state or Switzerland for 3 of the last 5 years. Students doing Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses do not get fee grants, but if you qualify for a maintenance grant you will be exempt from the PLC participant contribution. Fee grants are available for approved courses below graduate level in Ireland. However, there are no fee grants for courses elsewhere in the EU.

To qualify for a student grant, you must fulfil the conditions of the scheme as regards: Nationality and immigration status; Residence; Means. You must also be attending an approved course in an approved institution. There are detailed conditions about the level of the course you are attending; whether you have attended a course at the same level already; and whether the course represents progression from your previous studies. In general, you will not get a grant for repeating a year or attending a course at a level that does not represent progression from what you have done before. However, second-chance students may be eligible for a grant. A second-chance student is someone who is aged over 23, did not successfully complete an earlier course and is returning to pursue an approved course after at least 5 years. If you qualify for a maintenance grant, you will qualify for all relevant elements of a fee grant.

Nationality and immigration status (relates to non-Irish nationals) - In order to get a student grant you must be a national of an EEA member state or Switzerland or have immigration status or leave to remain which is one of the following: Family member of one of the above, with permission to remain in the State as a family member of such person under the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015 and EU Treaty rights provisions; Refugee status; Humanitarian leave to remain in the State before the Immigration Act 1999 came into effect. Foreign nationals granted leave to remain under the Irish Born Child scheme - IBC/05 are not eligible; Permission to reside in the State under the European Union (Subsidiary Protection) Regulations 2013; Permission to remain following a determination not to make a deportation order; Permission to remain in the State by virtue of marriage to, or civil partnership with, an Irish national living here or be the dependent child of a person with such permission.

Residence - You must have been ordinarily resident in the State for 3 of the previous 5 years to qualify for a maintenance grant. However, if you are studying elsewhere in the EU for a recognised qualification, and you were resident in the State for 3 of the 5 years before starting that course, you satisfy this requirement. If you fulfil all the criteria for a maintenance grant except for the residence condition in the State, you may still qualify for a fee grant or a postgraduate fee contribution as a tuition student - someone who fulfils all the conditions for a student grant except for residence in the State, but who has been resident in an EEA state or Switzerland for 3 of the last 5 years. *The members of the EEA (the European Economic Area) are the member states of the EU, along with Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein.*

Means test - for a student grant in 2016-2017 is based on your family's gross income for the previous full tax year (2015). However, if you or your family have had a change of circumstances (which is likely to be permanent) since 31 December 2015, your changed circumstances may be taken into account. Reckonable income for a student grant is gross income from all sources. Some social welfare payments are excluded from 'reckonable income' for the purposes of student grants. If you were ordinarily resident with your parents from October 1 of the year before the year of entry to the course, you are considered dependent on your parents and your income (if any) is assessed together with your parents' income(s) An allowance is made for your earnings outside of term-time – up to €4,500. Outside term time is 2 weeks at Christmas, 2 weeks at Easter and 12 weeks during the summer months of June, July and August only. (Holiday pay earned outside these periods may also be allowed by the grant awarding authority on receipt of a letter from the school/college confirming the exact dates of term).

Income limits for maintenance grant and full fee grant - The family income limits for eligibility for a maintenance grant in 2016-2017 are set out below. These income limits are applied after your means are assessed. The income limits also apply to the fee grant (that is, if you don't qualify for the free fees scheme and are eligible for a fee grant).

Number of dependent children	Full maintenance	Part maintenance (75%)	Part maintenance (50%)	Part maintenance (25%)
Fewer than 4	€39,875	€40,970	€43,380	€45,790
4 to 7	€43,810	€45,025	€47,670	€50,325
8 or more	€47,575	€48,890	€51,760	€54,630

Income limits for partial fee grant - The family income limits for eligibility for a partial fee grant in 2016-2017 are set out below.

Number of dependent children	50% tuition fees and 100% student contribution	50% student contribution only
Fewer than 4	€49,840	€54,240
4 to 7	€54,765	€59,595
8 or more	€59,455	€64,700

The 50% tuition fee is not payable if your fees are covered under the Free Fees Scheme.

Other family members in college - The reckonable income limits may be increased as follows for each additional family member who is pursuing a full-time course of at least one year's duration:

In full maintenance and partial fee grant categories - by €4,830; In part maintenance 75%, 50% and 25% categories - by €4,670. If you are dependent on your parents, the family members taken into account are your parent(s) and their other dependent children.

Changes in grant rates take effect in January each year.

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Maintenance grant rates for 2016/2017

Type	Non-adjacent rate	Adjacent rate
Special rate	€5,915	€2,375
Full maintenance	€3,025	€1,215
Part maintenance (75%)	€2,270	€910
Part maintenance (50%)	€1,515	€605
Part maintenance (25%)	€755	€305

Since 3 April 2017, you can apply for a student grant for the 2017/2018 academic year. Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) is the single grant-awarding authority handling all new applications for student grants. All new grant applications will be made online. You do not need to know the exact course you will be attending in order to apply online. You will need your Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) and an email address and phone number to apply online. This needs to be done ASAP. SUSI's helpdesk handles email and telephone queries - see 'Where to apply' below.

Supporting documentation - If you are considered eligible on initial assessment of your application, you will get a provisional grant approval in the post and a personalised list of the supporting documents that you need to provide. You should send the necessary documents (photocopies, not originals) as soon as possible in the envelope supplied. SUSI will then process your application to award stage, subject to confirmation of your acceptance on an approved course.

Where to Apply:

Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI)

Tel: 0761 08 7874

Email: support@susi.ie

Too Much Wheat

by Ailish Connelly

Check out the bread aisle in your local Supervalu, or Dunnes, Tesco, Lidl or Aldi. Yards and yards of white bread, wholemeal, wholegrain, sourdough, ciabatta, French sticks, burger buns, hot dog rolls, bagels, oat breads, flax and chia seed breads, dinner rolls, pitta and naan… there are probably loads more varieties I've missed on my scouting of the bread area.

Then there are the cake and pastry aisles, the biscuits and cookies, the crackers, the croutons and pretzels; lets venture on to the full forty-nine yards of the cereal aisle and be bamboozled by choice of yet more clever use of the wheat grain and wind up chasing down dinner at the pasta, noodle and couscous shelves, not to mention the frozen food section with its many pizza products and practically every processed food product like soups, sauces, gravies, chocolate, sweets and dressings.

The only aisles selling manufactured products not containing wheat are the detergent and cleaning item aisles. Can you blame us ordinary mortals if we rely heavily on wheat products for our necessary sustenance?

Its handy, its quick and its ubiquitous. I wrote last month about food intolerance and by far the most intolerances are caused by wheat.

Many of us do need to look beyond wheat, both to widen the scope of our nutrition and lessen our dependence on an ingredient that may become a health problem for some if they ingest too much of it.

For coeliacs the wheat proliferation and presence in so many products is much more serious. Coeliac disease is an autoimmune condition which is an extreme sensitivity to gluten (the protein in certain grains including wheat, rye, oats and barley) This reaction causes chronic inflammation and damage to the intestinal wall. Even a tiny bit of wheat can cause havoc to their health manifesting in digestive diseases, infertility, osteoporosis, IBS, constipation, fatigue, even malnutrition. Coeliac disease is a life -long condition and must be diagnosed by a blood test and usually with a biopsy. Coeliacs must check any grains or products are gluten free!

For those who don't have coeliac disease it is still a minefield. People become baffled if I suggest cutting out wheat for a while to see if their sometimes vague and multiple symptoms improve. *"But what will I eat?"*

Well there are other grains. Porridge for breakfast (only Pure Oats with no gluten is suitable for Coeliacs) is an excellent low Glycaemic Index food that keeps blood sugars stable for several hours. Oat cakes and crackers, rice cakes, corn bread and cakes, rye bread or try making your own with wheat and gluten free flours such as millet, buckwheat, coconut or almond flours or corn flour.

Then there are carbs such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, squashes, sweetcorn, rice and quinoa (pronounced keenwa). Fill yourself up on veg, salads and fruit, 5 portions per day. If you have your 5 portions you won't need as much wheat, and there are complex carbs in veg. The only limits to a salad are the limits of your imagination. Have good sources of protein such as lean meats, poultry, eggs, sustainably caught fish, nuts and seeds. The message is, eat clean, don't eat processed food and ***READ THE LABELS!***

For more information on Coeliac disease check out ***www.coeliac.ie.*** Testing for many chronic health conditions available with Nutritional Therapist Ailish Connelly at Shankill Wellness Clinic: 087 221 7978

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Recipe

by Vivien Reid

May is the month when Asparagus is in season and most plentiful so it is a good time to try this recipe. Look out for it on special offer as it can be expensive at times. This recipe is from John Tarode who presents BBC Masrterchef.

Asparagus with Fettuccine & Smoked Bacon

A pasta carbonara with a special summer treat of fresh asparagus spears. Ready in no time, and such a luxury.
Makes 6 portions

500g/1lb 2oz fettuccine
2 tbsp vegetable oil
300g/11oz smoked bacon or pancetta cut into batons
1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
12 spears asparagus, blanched
3 large free-range eggs
1 tbsp olive oil
110g/4oz parmesan, freshly grated, plus extra, to serve
handful fresh parsley, chopped

Bring a large pan of water to the boil. Add the fettuccine and cook according to packet instructions. While the pasta is cooking, heat a large frying pan over a high heat and add the vegetable oil. Add the bacon and fry for 3-4 minutes, until golden-brown. Season with freshly ground black pepper. Cut the asparagus into 3cm/1in pieces and add to the pan with the bacon. Cook for 1-2 minutes, just to warm through.

Break the eggs into a bowl and break the yolks with a fork. Drain the cooked pasta and return to the pan it was cooked in. Retain a splash of the water the pasta was cooked in. Add the bacon and asparagus mixture, including any cooking oils from the pan. Toss well to combine over a low heat. Cook for one minute, then add the egg, parmesan and the reserved cooking water and cook for 30 seconds to one minute, stirring constantly, until the egg is just cooked. Add the chopped parsley and spoon equal portions into six bowls. Grate over a little extra parmesan and serve.

Tip: Asparagus could be replaced by peas or chopped up green beans.

Gooseberry Crumble

Goosberries come into season now – they make a tasty crumble dish.
Makes 4 portions

500g goosberries, topped and tailed
85g golden caster sugar
175g plain flour
75g demerara sugar
85g salted butter, chilled

Preheat the oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4.
Toss the gooseberries with the caster sugar, spread in the bottom of a medium ovenproof baking dish with 2 tbsp water. To make the crumble, put the flour, butter and a big pinch of salt in a bowl. Rub together with your fingertips until you have a rough breadcrumb texture. Mix in the demerera sugar. Scatter the crumble topping evenly over the gooseberries. Bake in the oven for 45-50 minutes until top is pale golden and crunchy and the gooseberries bubbling. You can also give the crumble a quick flash under a hot grill to give the top an extra browning if you like.

Tip: Add chopped up eating apples to the goosberries to help sweeten them and add another texture to the dish. Use your favourite crumble topping – seeds and chopped nuts add a crunch.

Recipes from www.bbc.co.uk

Shankill GAA Club

It is brilliant to be back home again, in the lovely surrounds of our beautiful village and our base in Shanganagh Castle, having been away for the long winter months. A special thanks to St Laurence's College, Woodbrook College and Rathmichael School for looking after us during the dark evenings and weekends. We now look forward to lots and lots of activities in the Castle over the long summer months. *Bring it on!*

Juvenile Academy The Academy is back in full swing in the Castle on Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 11.00am with plenty of football, hurling, games and mayhem with loads of fun together with your Shankill friends. We cater for boys and girls aged 4 to 6 years of age, all equipment is provided free, our qualified coaches are always in attendance and at a cost of €2 per child it is great value. There is no annual subscription. Please do come along any Saturday morning and give the Academy a try - you won't be disappointed.

Easter Chicks For some years now every Easter all the children in the club receive a present of an Easter egg all dressed up as a baby chick. This year some of the chicks were dressed up in our club colours which were a big WOW with the kids. These eggs are produced by the ladies committee in St Anne's Church. Proceeds from the sale of the eggs are used to help bring members of our community who may be troubled or feeling poorly to Lourdes

to seek help or healing. We understand that they depart on 2nd August. full details can be had from the Resource Centre. We are delighted to be of some little help with this project. Finally I wonder did our kids really eat the eggs dressed with the club colours?

After a great day in the Castle the Academy and our under 9 hurling team enjoy their Easter chicks.

Shankill Girls just want to have fun This month we feature the girls from our under 13 football team who are great footballers, great characters and loads of fun. They have played two league matches already this season and are in brilliant form. Under the guidance of team mentors John Doherty, Orla O'Mahony, Sean Breathnach and John Blunden the team has gone from strength to strength and the girls have formed a solid bond: "We are Shankill". These girls will now be the basis for the community games team and will be supplemented by local girls who play for some of the other clubs in South Dublin. Training has been going very well and we wish them the good luck and lots of fun. More news on the other community games teams later.

Summer Camp 2017 Where can you find the most fun and best value summer camp? Shankill GAA Club of course. Our Summer camp will take place from 3rd to 7th July. Cost is €45 per child with €5 discount for each sibling. Typically running from 10am to 2.30pm each day and we are so convenient being situated in Shanganagh Park. Contact Steve Davis 087 6414123 or any committee member.

Our Teams All of our teams are back in action and there have been great matches already this season. The skill levels of all players have improved immensely which is due to our winter training programme which was held at various venues. If you would like to join any of our teams contact us at the phone numbers below or any committee member. You will be very welcome.

Men's Adult football team The season has resumed with a couple of matches played which have not gone our way. Evening training has resumed on our pitch in Shanganagh Cliffs and of course we are always interested in finding new players. Contact Kevin 086 8449902.

Our Golf Classic The Golf Classic is going to be even better than last year. The venue is Woodbrook Golf Club, the date is Friday 30th June, and the cost is €300 per team of 4 players with a meal in Brady's Pub. Jimmy Nolan 087 2633203 and Mike Brophy 087 6411994 are taking bookings and the time sheet is open NOW.

Club Lotto The Lotto jackpot is becoming a serious amount of money. At the time of going to press the Jackpot stands at €1500. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 and are available from any committee member of in Brady's Pub. Thank you for your support.

New Baby Congratulations to our club Secretary and Academy coach Laura Douglas-Murphy and husband Patrick on the birth of a baby daughter Fiadh, another little Shankill player.

Fogra speisialta A special word of thanks to the hawk eye who spotted the "deliberate" typo in our last GAA page and which is now been corrected. We know who you are and so there are a couple of pints waiting for you in Brady's Pub. Well spotted.

Contacts: secretary.shankill.dublin@gaa.ie
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Shankill Bowling Club

by Paddy Hughes PRO

Our Secretary Brian Tuite has produced a valuable booklet outlining the shape and organization of our club, fixtures, bowling etiquette, indoor and outdoor activities etc. Concluding with *'The Main Objective'* – to play, promote, foster and regulate the amateur game of bowls according to the Code of Laws adopted by the International Bowling Board.

Men's Section

The Easter Lamb Competition attracted a large number of members and was highly competitive and enjoyable, resulting finally in a three-way playoff between Fred Kinch, Liam Rigley and Pat O'Toole with the last-named winning the competition.

Ladies

Most of the lady members entered for their Easter Lamb Competition and, as usual, it was strongly contested with the following results: 1st Carmel Morton, Joint 2nd Liz McElhinney and Fiona Bennett, 3rd Maura Hughes. Well done all!

Several local people have recently told us of their intention to take up bowling, mostly men. We would like to encourage women in the Shankill area who are interested to apply now for membership and have a good summer bowling with us.

We give a warm welcome to new member Alan Messitt who is, of course, the son of Bertie Messitt, the famous Irish International Champion Runner. Also welcome back to Brid Brian and Ciaran Freeney.

It is with deep sorrow that we heard of the passing of former member Sean Fitzpatrick who had been ill for some time. Our sincere condolences go to his wife and family. RIP.

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A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituents,

Ireland is getting back to work. I am privileged to attend jobs announcements around the country, where indigenous and overseas companies show their faith in Ireland as a place to do business and create new jobs.

Every job matters. Every job created changes lives, the lives of the workers, their families, and their communities. Over 2 million people are now at work; unemployment is at 6.4%, down almost 2% on this time last year. That equates to over 48,000 people more in employment in March 2017 than in March 2016.

The figures demonstrate significant and continuing progress in the direction of full employment in this country. I am however extremely conscious of the challenges ahead, particularly Brexit-related challenges.

For that reason, with my Department, the agencies under my remit IDA, Enterprise Ireland, LEOs and InterTrade Ireland and the Government, I will continue our strong focus on building the optimum environment for employment growth right across our country.

Shopping Centre Redevelopment & Primary Care Centre for Shankill

There has been good news for Shankill recently. Lidl's plan for Shankill Shopping Centre will see life breathed back into the centre after many empty years.

Also of note is the establishment of a Primary Care Centre in Shankill. The HSE have confirmed to me that their Estates Department has been commissioned to develop the existing Health Centre in Shankill as a Primary Care Centre. This work is in progress and proposals for relocations are being finalised.

Works are expected to commence in 2017 once the existing services have been relocated. Completion of the Primary Care Centre in Shankill is scheduled for mid-2019.

Check your passport!

As we approach the busy holiday times of long weekends and summer, it is important to make sure your passport is in date if you plan to travel abroad. Please check your passport, and the passports of anyone that may be travelling with you, especially children, before you book travel.

At this time of year there is always a seasonal increase in the demand for passports. Added to that, we have a significant increase in applications for Irish passports from the UK, with Brexit on the horizon. Extra staff have been recruited by the Passport Office but delays remain likely.

At the time of printing, the turnaround times from Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) for applications from Ireland were (please check *https://www.dfa.ie/passporttracking/turnaroundtimes/ for the latest information*)

- Online applications (renewals/replacements only): 10 working days
- Passport Express: 17 working days
- FIRST/Lost/Stolen/Damaged passport: 24 working days

It is important to note that applications for a first passport take significantly longer than renewals due to additional security measures.

The turnaround times are changing on a regular basis so the DFA advises allowing at least six weeks for your passport application. Delays are often encountered when forms are incorrectly completed and the six week recommendation allows time for any issues to be resolved.

For genuine emergencies there is a Rapid Renewal Service. Certain specific documentation is required for this and candidates need to make an appointment with the Passport Office on Lower Mount Street. There are limitations to this service, so it's best to check your passport sooner rather than later and get your application in on time.

The Department of Foreign Affairs offer a reminder service whereby you can register the date of your passport expiry and an email address and they will send you an email when your passport is due for renewal. This is a very useful tool and can be found on *www.eforms.gov.ie/en/reminder/passport*

I am sincerely committed to working for my constituents in Shankill and the rest of the Dun Laoghaire Constituency. If I can be of any assistance, on any national or local issue please contact me at *mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie* or call my constituency office on 01-6312219.

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Shankill FC Soccer Club and Our Summer Schedule

We would like to update you on our club activities for this coming summer and encourage all residents of Shankill, and beyond, to come along and enjoy the summer events. For those who may not be familiar with our club, the Shankill FC club house is located in the car park beside the Shanganagh cemetery. We have 22 teams, two junior academies and approx. 300 boys & girls of all ages from age 4 to early 20s competing in Dublin boys, girls and Leinster senior leagues. Our primary goal is to provide a safe community based club to encourage children of all ages to take an active part in sports, irrespective of whether they are star players or only starting off. We have a number of events planned for the summer and we hope you will come along to watch some of the games. Details of the events can be found on our website *www.shankillfc.ie*

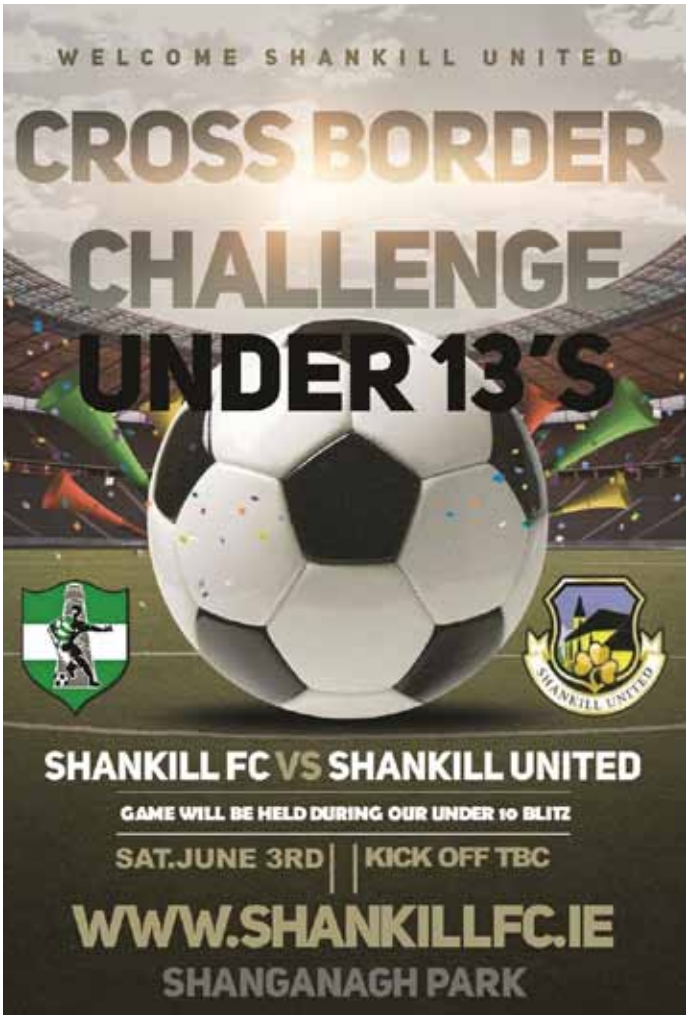
- On Sat 3rd June, we have the U10 boy's blitz where teams will compete for the Brady's Cup. We also have a special game where our own Shankill U13 boys team will play a cross-border friendly with our namesakes Shankill Utd. academy from Belfast.
- On Sat 10th June, we have the U14 Girl's Crinken Cup competition.
- We will be running our Panthers Fun day for all our younger boys and girls from age 4 - 6. The date in June will be confirmed soon so please check out the Shankill FC web site.
- On July 10th to July 23rd we will be hosting our annual Shankill FC *'Bertie Messitt champions league'.* Applications to take part in the tournament will be open soon and full details will be on our website

On July 31st, we will be hosting the FAI Summer Soccer School camp which is open to 6-14-year-old boys and girl of all abilities. Further details on our website

For any local businesses who would like to help with sponsorship at the events, we would be delighted to talk to you. Please contact us at *info@shankillfc.ie*

Also, you can help us by playing our *'Chase the Ace'* fund-raiser to help fund our new defibrillator for the clubhouse. Tickets are on sale in our club house cafeteria or in Brady's on Sat & Sun evenings.

We are really looking forward to the events this summer and hope you will enjoy the spectacle too. We hope to see you there.



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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

FOOTPATH INSTALLATION

Question: "To ask the Chief Executive to install a footpath in the green area between Foxes Grove and Eaton Wood Green, Shankill?"

Reply: This work is beyond the scope of current plans for the area and will therefore be included for consideration in the context of next year's work programme.

Owner: Gerry O'Donnell, Executive Parks Superintendent

TESTING OF WATER QUALITY - QUINN'S ROAD

The Senior Executive Officer in Infrastructure and Climate Change informed me of the following:

"We are arranging to have the North Beach Bray included on our water quality testing. We have also asked Wicklow County Council if they will consider including Bray beach on a regular check of water quality. The testing of the bathing water along the coast and beach will cover the Quinn's Road."

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Shankill Tennis Club

With summer on the way and lengthening evenings what better way to enjoy the outdoors than to dust off your racket and head down to Shankill Tennis Club, where new members and players of all ages are always welcome. The club has first rate facilities and welcomes you either on a pay-and-play or membership basis. Just check out our website ***www.shankilltennisclub.com*** to get a flavour of some of the many activities that are happening within the club or feel free to call the club office on 01 2825400 for any further information.

Veterans Tournament
It's been a busy time in Shankill Tennis Club with the club recently holding its annual Veterans Tournament for players over 35, with two weeks of great tennis culminating in a riveting finals day on Saturday 1st April. The previous day Shankill hosted the finals of the Blue and Gold mixed league in which our Gold Team, captained by Heidi Jackson, narrowly beat Claremont Railway in a nail-biting championship tiebreak play off. The Finals dinner was organised by the Lady Captain, Kirsten O'Sullivan for the top four teams, Shankill, Claremont Railway, Glenageary and Carrickmines and this was followed by presentations to the teams by Derek Adams, Chairman of Shankill Tennis Club.

Blind/Vision Impaired Tennis
Come to the Indoor Centre any Sunday morning and you'll see our blind/vision impaired tennis players playing a fascinating and very skillful form of tennis. Working with the Shankill coaching team and club volunteers, the players have been developing their skills as part of Tennis Ireland's Enjoy Tennis Programme. Blind tennis is based on sound-with the balls having small bells inside them which make a noise when the ball is hit and when it bounces on the court.

We are very pleased to congratulate three of the players from Shankill who have been selected for the first Irish Blind Tennis team that will participate in the International Blind tennis association's world tournament in Alicante in Spain from May 6th to May 12th.

Tina Lowe, Susan Corrigan and David Nason will play on the Irish team in the tournament which involves teams from 17 countries.

Look out for a TV feature on RTEs Nationwide which will be broadcast in the coming weeks on Blind tennis at Shankill Tennis Club.

Junior News
Meanwhile, supervised tennis continues during term time for junior players to allow them to meet other players and to hone their tennis skills. Different hours during the week have been allocated to different age groups, and the sessions are supervised by members of the club's Junior Committee. Supervised tennis is free to club members but non-members are most welcome for a small fee of €2 per hour. Supervised tennis is a lot of fun and all are encouraged to join in and make new friends now that summer has arrived.

Photo of Veterans Mixed Doubles Finalists. (L-R) Edwin O'Dwyer, Declan Carney, Umpire Tony McNamara, Yvonne Walsh and Claire O'Reilly.

In 2017 Parks Tennis will again be run in Shankill Tennis club during the month of July. This tennis coaching programme is provided by Tennis Ireland and is open to all children, for a small fee. More details can be found on:
http://www.parkstennis.com/

And finally...
Congrats to Shankill member Garreth Greene who has just returned from leading the World Wheelchair Team Championships in Portugal. Garreth - the Irish no.1 wheelchair tennis player and his colleagues produced some great performances but in the end just fell short of qualifications for the World Finals in May - next year!!

Garreth Greene serving at the World Wheelchair Championships in Portugal recently.

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A monthly digest from SCAN's own Whitehouse correspondent.

by Meabh Airtinn

This month's briefing was held in the Whitehouse Rose Garden. The President pulled back the curtains and peered out from the Oval Office before emerging into the garden.

The President opened "Thank you for coming to the Rose Garden. I apologise for the state of the garden and the grounds generally, but our gardener José has disappeared – I guess because the economy is so good now, he must have found a better job. In fact, a lot of my staff have moved on to other positions".

"As you know, we have had a lot of incidents on flights recently and our security teams have handled it really well. Basically, they just man-handle the terrorists off the flight – simple! We are also going to start charging criminals for any bullets we shoot at them, although we will give them a discount if they are hit by more than 10."

America is suffering from an obesity epidemic, so we are introducing a program called **R**eturn **A**merica **T**o **I**ts **O**riginal **N**eeds, or **RATION**. This will work by allowing poor people to eat only food that the government decides is healthy for them, like *Trump Spam, Trump Mac and Cheese and Trump Chocolate.*

"We still face major issues with crime. I was speaking with the Irish Garda commissioner and she was telling me that her numbers have just gotten better and better, especially with drink driving. She told me she will be looking for a new job soon, so we are going to hire her to help us out. With all her success in Ireland, nobody could ever say we gave her the job just because she is a woman! She is also going to teach us a thing of two about how to handle whistle blowers."

"There is a lot of tension in our inner cities, especially between white police officers and the black residents. I think this is because we have lost touch with a simpler life and inner city kids don't know what it is like to work together with white people. So we are going to create a program where white and black youth get to work together in rural activities in the south. Our pilot project will be in Alabama and called '*Project Cotton Picker.*' "

On the subject of race, it occurred to me that all black people in America were basically taken here against their will. I think that's very wrong. So we have decided to send them all back to Africa. I think even if they are mostly white, we should still give them the chance. Since they are all from different parts of Africa, we are going to use the air force to randomly drop them around the place. This will give America back to the natives – us white folks. The President concluded "make America Great Again!"

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community games
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Some of the younger competitors displaying their artwork at the Shankill Community Games Art competition

Art

Congratulations to Mairead Kennedy, Kate Bridgeman and Dhyan Nair (U8), Ima Nuosu, Anna Salaverria and Ruairi Powell (U10), Lucy Kay, Hannah Cordner, Aaron de John and Jack Sheridan (U12) and Eilis Kelly and Lily Blunden (U14). They will all go on to represent Shankill in the Dublin area finals following their success in the Shankill area competition. We wish them the best of luck in June. (See pictures)

Some of the winning masterpieces in the Shankill Community Games Art Competition

Handwriting

Good luck to Ruby Geelon, Evie Valbert, Ruairi Powell, Charlie Geelon and Daniel Murphy who will represent Shankill in the Dublin Community Games handwriting competition on 1st June 2017.

Cross Country

Ruairi Myers, Ciara Murray, Niamh Murray and Eleanor all had great runs in the Dublin Trials and are now "in training" with the Dublin panel and will compete in the National Community Games finals in Abbotstown in May. Good luck to them.

Other Activities

In the meantime we continued to prepare for our **Athletics** sports day on 23rd April. Training for athletes who qualify for the Dublin Finals will take place at the track in Kilbogget park at 5pm on Sunday evenings.

Good luck also to the **GAA teams** who are awaiting dates for their first round matches.

Shankill U10 Rugby team

Ruairi Myers (Dublin Cross Country Panel)

Shankill Athletes at the Dublin Community Games Cross Country Trials

U15 soccer team who made the Leinster Semi Final in Carlow IT

For more information on any of the above see Community Games.ie, like us on Facebook or email **Shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com**

ORDER OF MALTA
IRELAND

Shankill Unit

The Order of Malta Cadets had their Eastern Region competitions held in St Peters School in Bray on the 09th of April, where over 200 cadets attended. The Shankill Unit had 2 entries in the competitions Junior Individual Anna Olivia Hayes who came 3rd in her group and junior team who came second in their group. Noeleen Cleary their Cadet leader would like to congratulate them for their achievements.

If you are a child aged 11-16 interested in joining please contact Noeleen at 086 303 4591.

(L-R) Amelia Byrne, Jodi Reddin, Anna Olivia Hayes, Noeleen Cleary (Cadet Leader), Racheal Sheeran (Officer in Charge), Morgan McGinty and Louis Brennan and front row John Hayes.

Spring into Heritage campaign for Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Councillor Cormac Devlin, An Cathaoirleach, DLRCC

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council launched its annual Spring into Heritage Programme which runs from 24th April - 18th June, 2017. This is the 3rd year of this programme and a complete guide of all of the events is available for download here:
http://events.dlrcoco.ie/event/spring-heritage-2017

With over 120 free events throughout the County, these events and tours are aimed at groups and individuals willing to learn more about the history and heritage of the County. This programme is sponsored by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and has been running for several years. It has been extremely popular with the public.

Speaking at the launch, An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Cllr. Cormac Devlin said "this programme of events is one that thousands of people from across Dublin and further afield avail of every year. In 2016 alone, over 5,000 people availed of the free tours and events. It is a wonderful opportunity for all generations to explore and learn more their own locality. So many people admit to never becoming a tourist in their own County and this Spring into Heritage programme allows them to do just that! I have attended many events and activities contained in this programme and I would urge as many members of the public to come along and learn more about our history."

Several sites throughout south County Dublin are available to visit for free including; Marlay House, Rathfarnham, the National Maritime Museum, Dún Laoghaire, James Joyce Tower and Museum in Sandycove and the Oratory (behind Bloomfields Shopping Centre), Dún Laoghaire.

Further announcements will be made on social media; Facebook & Twitter @dlrheritageevents

For more information and comment, please call An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Cormac Devlin on 086 818 6814 or James O'Sullivan (Programme Co-Ordinator) on +353 1204 7011.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

Shankill Shopping Centre

I am delighted to report that Lidl Ireland intend to apply for planning permission for the development of a mixed use retail centre at Shankill Shopping Centre. It is expected that the application will be lodged in the 1st week of May. They hosted an information evening in Shanganagh Park House on Monday April 24th where the design proposals were on display.
Further details in next month's SCAN.

WIFI4EU

Motion: "That this Area Committee requests the Chief Executive to apply to the EU's Connecting Europe programme for funds under the WIFI4EU initiative to provide free high quality internet access in Shanganagh Park and in Shankill village. It is noted that if the roll-out of high speed, reliable WiFi proves successful at these locations it could be deployed county wide"

Report: The Council is examining this initiative that provides free high quality WIFI and will apply for funding under the programme.

Details of Proposed Development of a new Crematorium at Shanganagh Cemetery

The crematorium will be located in the vacant field between the two developed burial areas within Shanganagh Cemetery. It is bounded to the north by Shanganagh Park and to the south by the lands at Woodbrook. The existing car park, bring facility and the existing cemetery are situated along its western and eastern sides respectively.

The proposal facility will comprise of the following:

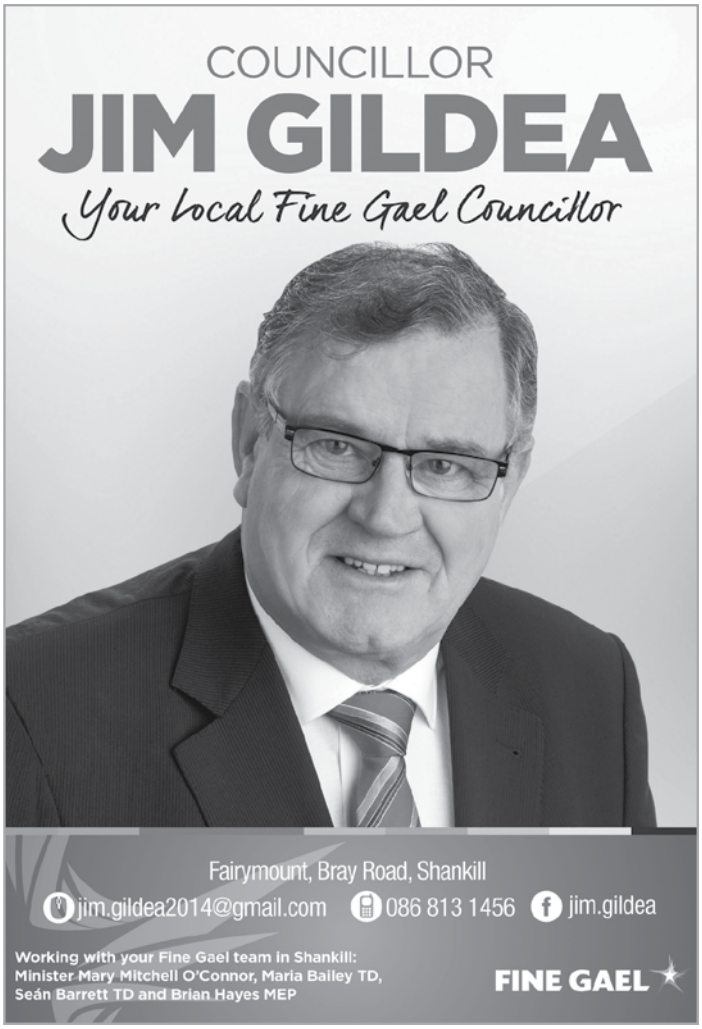
- An Upper and Lower Hall for conducting memorial ceremonies
- An administration building comprising staff facilities and public toilets
- A crematorium building
- A coffee and flower shop
- A Columbarium wall

The design also proposes additional car parking facilities, a meadow and a woodland copse and walk. Some additional burial plots will be included on the overall site.

The Draft Local Area Plan (LAP) for Woodbrook - Shanganagh was published on 23rd March 2017.
A copy of the Draft LAP and all associated documents is available for viewing at:

- County Hall, Dunlaoghaire
- Council Offices, Dundrum Office Park
- All branches of DLR Libraries

Closing date for submissions is 5.00pm Thurs 4th May 2017. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



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€40,000,000 Boost For Public Infrastructure In DLR

Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and Paschal Donohoe T.D., Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, have announced exchequer funding for major infrastructure developments in the DLR area totalling €40 million plus National Transportation Authority (NTA) funding for a brand new DART station at Woodbrook/Shanganagh .

Four areas have been specifically identified for major investment in public infrastructure at Cherrywood, Woodbrook/Shanganagh, Kilternan/Glenamuck and Clay Farm. The works being funded will be new road and bridge developments and upgrades, relocation of major ESB lines, junction upgrades. In addition to this it also funds infrastructure development to access the proposed new DART station at Woodbrook/Shanganagh, which was also announced by the National Transportation Authority.

REAL TIME ELECTRONIC TIMETABLE, SHANKILL VILLAGE

Question: "To ask the Chief Executive officer to write to Dublin Bus and the NTA to have real time electronic timetable installed at the north bound stop in Shankill Village?"

Reply: Traffic Section have been in contact with the NTA and provision of RTPI signage for this bus stop is on their programme of sites to be carried out in 2017.

ROAD REPAIRS

Question: "To ask the Chief Executive to arrange an inspection of roadway from the entrance to the Cemetery to the Wilford roundabout and to carry out patching repairs to any inferior sections?"

Reply: Works to Old Dublin Road between Shanganagh Cemetery and the Wilford roundabout are not planned at present. However Road Maintenance Section is aware of the condition of this section of road and patching and joint sealing is required to bring the road up to a reasonable standard. Until such works can be planned and procured, the road will be monitored and maintained as necessary in the interim.

PART 8 PROGRESS REPORT, STONEBRIDGE ROAD

Question: "To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the proposed Part 8 for Clubhouse and works at Stonebridge Road Shankill?"

Reply: Part 8 plans are nearing completion and it is expected to progress the Part 8 process for the development of the Park and Recreational amenities in the Autumn 2017.

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

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Badminton

For the second consecutive year, Woodbrook College has entered the Crème Egg Cup, a mixed badminton tournament run in Dublin schools to encourage student participation in the sport. Having competed in the Dublin schools league earlier in the year, the players still had something to train for, aim for and look forward to this year.

This year we entered a Senior team into the competition comprising Gersen Panganiban, Sean Coll, Thomas Coll and Ciaran McGarry. Sean and Thomas took up badminton outside school in Transition Year in order to achieve their Gaisce Award but decided to continue playing in school this year where they have made a huge contribution to the sport. Gersen played on the team last year and Ciaran is a relative newcomer to the sport but has improved enormously since starting.

Woodbrook have played three matches to date in the competition with just one match remaining. Each player plays one singles and one doubles in each match, hence the maximum number of points a team can take from a match is six. Woodbrook drew their first match 3-3 against St. Joseph of Cluny winning three of their singles games but unfortunately losing their other three games. There was a similar outcome in their second game against St. Raphaela's, Stillorgan where they drew 3-3. However in their third match they played exceptionally well to win 5-1 against Holy Faith Clontarf, just narrowly losing one of their singles games. With just one match to play against Loreto Bray, Woodbrook have a great chance of winning this fun tournament. Well done to all players on an excellent tournament and best of luck in your final match!!

Student of the Week

The following students have been selected as our Students of the Week for March. Well done to all:

March 6th	Luke Kenny *(Drama)*
March 13th	Leslin Vinod and Adam Seong *(Table Tennis Achievements)*
March 27th	Sophie Kennedy *(Contribution to School)*
April 3rd	Leslin Vinod, Enda Douglas Paulius Rutkauskas, Ryan O'Callaghan *(PE Expo)*

Transition Year Enterprise Awards

Our Transition Year students have been working on their mini-company projects over the last few months and the prizes for the best projects were awarded last week. Well done to all of the students for taking part in the enterprise project and hopefully it will encourage some of them to become budding entrepreneurs in the future.
The winners were:

Best Business Idea: Sigma
Ralph Lacap, Bradley Daly, Fernando Marquez and Olegs Maksimovs

2nd: Lukes Workshop
Luke Murray

3rd: OG Customised
Rian Knox, Lee Donnellan, Ryan O'Callaghan and Lewis Kinlan

Best Project: Pentacord
Ion Triboi

Best Presentation: Omega
Denzel Vivas, Eldho Saju, Sean McGovern, Ethan Duggan and Rauf Javarov

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Meditation

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Majorettes Display

Our Majorettes Dance Module finished with a fantastic performance for parents and families which was choreographed by Dance Teacher Laura. It was an outstanding and energetic display of movement to music.

Confirmation 2017

This year 6th Class students were confirmed by Monsignor Enda Lloyd. They are pictured here with Fr. Enda, Fr. John, Fr. Jaimie, Elaine Hogan, Bernie Healy, Principal Patricia Slavin and Class Teachers Caitriona O'Connell, Maria Murphy and Louise Power.

The boy who loved buses...

so much he wrote a book about them. His S.N.A. Marian Clarke organised a terrific trip to Donnybrook Bus Station. There he met mechanics and his drivers who helped him wash a bus. He helped to change a huge tyre and finally he was brought to the pit where he saw the underside of a bus. This little boy stuns his teachers Ms. McKenna and Mr. Timmins and S.N.A. Marian Clarke with his knowledge of buses, their numbers and their destinations.

Shankill Classical Music Club

Presenters at the monthly sessions of the Shankill Classical Music Club often draw attention to connections between the pieces they choose – same composer, performer, genre. Links with previous programmes are not so obvious: sometimes intentional, sometimes not. We had a few examples in the March and April programmes.

After the all-Russian programme in February, Frank Murray's March line-up had several Russian pieces. Composers Khachaturian, Tchaikovsky and Shostakovich featured in the form of excerpts from ballet or other orchestral scores. The famous Red Army Choir, 1960s vintage, delivered one of their signature pieces, the Song of the Volga Boatmen, but also rendered the Scottish song Annie Laurie in a rather oddly-accented English!

A very different type of choir, the Cambridge Singers, performed the serene Cantique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Fauré. A procession of great sopranos from the 1950s to 1970s (Maria Callas, Lucia Popp, Pilar Lorengar) featured in some of the great romantic operatic arias. An overture by Offenbach and an excerpt from the music written by James Newton Howard for the 2014 film Maleficent completed the programme. Sadly, a slight technical problem with the equipment cut short our hearing of Richard Strauss's orchestral tone poem Don Juan.

But the Strauss scorecard was topped up by not one but two pieces in Barbara Dunne's programme in April: the tone poem Death and Transfiguration - its seriousness a marked contrast with the flamboyant Don Juan - and the last of the Four Last Songs, in a 1953 recording by Elisabeth Schwarzkopf. Brahms, Schumann and Elgar completed the first half of the programme.

The second half was notable for some interesting historical and personal connections. The centenary of the birth of the Irish composer Brian Boydell was noted in a movement from a string quartet. Barbara recalled hearing Yehudi Menuhin playing in Dublin (also in the 1950s!) and we heard the slow movement from his recording made around the same time (one of several he made) of the Mendelssohn violin concerto. But perhaps most interesting of all was a pair of recordings of the same song: the final one of the twenty-four in Schubert's cycle Winterreise (Winter's Journey). In this song the narrator comes upon a shivering old street busker fruitlessly holding out the hat as he turns the handle of his barrel-organ. In the original German we heard one of Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau's many recordings. But Barbara also played us the famous record of 1934 in which the illustrious Irish baritone Harry Plunket Greene, then in his late 60s and with a voice past its best, declaimed the song in a moving English-language translation to unforgettable effect. The fact that Barbara's grandfather, himself a noted baritone, had been taught by Plunket Greene added extra significance.

For full details of all the pieces and performers, see our website http://www.shankillclassical.org.
Shankill Classical Music Club meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome.
The May meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd. Put the date in your diary now!
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Rathmichael National School

Aoife Munn came to the school and planted tomato plants with the classes. She works for Windyridge Garden Centre and regularly comes in to teach the children about growing and the environment. This is sponsored by the Garden Centre. They supply all the compost, pots and seeds required. The children always enjoy gardening and working outside when they can.

During our Seachtain na Gaeilge we had a ceolchoirm or concert with the whole school. Each class performed songs, poetry, dance and played instruments. It was lovely to see this at every level. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The Irish language was enjoyed by all.

Some of the classes entered a Scríobh Leabhar or book writing competition for Seachtain na Gaeilge. Five of our pupils won awards and attended an award ceremony on 29th March in City West Education Centre. They received certificates, prizes and goody bags.

5th Class performed an Environmental Musical in the Lexicon Theatre in Dunlaoghaire. They performed for five schools. This was a great experience for them. The class teacher, Suzanne Ferris and our music teacher, Naomi Clarkson led the class. Performance is part of the curriculum and we believe important to promote self-esteem and confidence building. Well done 5th Class!

1st class put on a Spring Show. They performed heart lifting songs full of hope and love. It certainly raised everyone's spirits.

6th Class have been working on an Entrepreneurial project. They held their own Dragon's Den using outsiders and teachers as judges. It was decided that the best project was the production of Glow Pencil Cases. These were produced by the teacher and the class and show cased in the school before going to their owners. It taught the children a lot about costing, finance, production and sales. The money made went towards a charity and a bus for one of their tours.

SHANGANAGH CEMETERY: DONAL NEVIN

by Gabriel Conroy

Left-wing politics has never really taken off in Ireland. Of course we honour historic figures such as Big Jim Larkin and James Connolly and we are quite happy to have socialists in Áras an Uachtaráin from time to time. But even in these turbulent days the left is fragmented and the prospect of a socialist Taoiseach seems remote. Perhaps it was for these reasons that Donal Nevin believed he could achieve more as a trade unionist than by following a high profile political career in the Labour Party.

Donal Nevin was one of seven children born to an Irish cabinet maker and his English-born wife. Raised in Limerick, the academically-gifted boy won a much sought after place in secondary school through a scholarship from the city corporation. That education enabled him to secure an even greater prize: a job in the civil service. However, at the age of twenty-five he moved to the Irish Trade Union Congress as Research Officer. The president of the ITUC at the time was Young Jim Larkin, Big Jim's son. Young Jim was known for his sharp mind and excellent negotiating skills and, under his influence, Nevin brought his own considerable intellect to bear on the cause of workers and the underprivileged. In 1951, he publicly challenged no less a figure than Sean Lemass, then Minister for Industry and Commerce, over Lemass' claim that Irish wage rates were higher than in many other European countries. Nevin drew upon a number of international sources to argue that the truth was the exact opposite of the minister's claim: Ireland was at the bottom of the wage table, not the top.

This exchange typified Donal Nevin's approach to promoting socialism in a country not well-disposed towards the left. Rather than relying on inflammatory rhetoric to make his case, he combined carefully-analysed data with reasoned argument to persuade others to his point of view. Over many decades, through his membership of bodies such as the National Industrial Economic Council, the Higher Education Authority, and the Combat Poverty Agency, he quietly exerted his influence in the corridors of power. During the 1980s his main public platform was the Irish Congress of Trade Unions of which he was general secretary. In that position he led numerous campaigns, including tax reform and the legalisation of divorce.

Following Nevin's retirement in 1989 his busy life did not ease up. In addition to participating in a myriad commissions and working groups, he was now able to devote much of his time to historical research. The principle result of his labours emerged in 2005 in the form of a critically-acclaimed biography of James Connolly. This was a rare example of individual success for a man who mostly preferred to operate behind the scenes. As The Irish Times put it when he stepped down as a union representative, 'his main service is almost unknown to the wide public and perhaps even to most trade unionists'.

Donal Nevin passed away on December 16th 2012 in his eighty-ninth year. He is buried in Shanganagh Cemetery.

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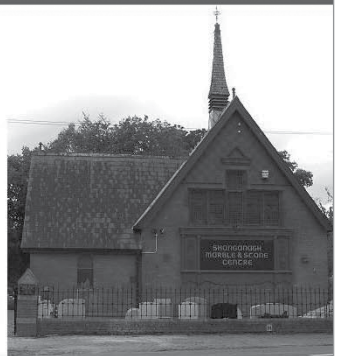

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Shankill Old Folks Association (SOFA)

At the April booksale in the Daycare centre, a presentation was made to Verell Booth in celebration of her 98th birthday. Verell was a founder member of the Committee who set up the Daycare Centre in the 1970s. She played a leading role in getting the project off the ground and in its successful development ever since. The booksale continues on the first Saturday of every month – books in good condition are accepted only on the day of the sale. There is something for everyone to read on the shelves.

As a result of a Community Grant from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Council much needed kitchen equipment has been purchased. Good nutritious food is a key element in the enjoyment and well-being of elderly people which we are able to provide through the Daycare Centre and the Meals on Wheels service.

The 'Aging with Confidence' programme from Age and Opportunity has commenced at the centre, delivered over eight sessions by Ciaran McKinney, Manager of Active Citizenship and Life Long Learning It includes those attending the Daycare Centre and other people from the wider community. One participant commented that it is 'the best thing ever'.

As part of the Easter preparations, Anne Farrell guided us in making Easter cards and novelties. Rachel made sure everyone had a clay basket with chocolate mini-eggs to bring home as a centre piece for the Easter table.

Verell's birthday celebration at the Book Sale

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Tuesday 10:30 - 12:30pm
Thursday 7:30 - 9:00pm

We have had a great response from these estates who's entrances we have tackled and hope to continue in many other areas. We are also very fortunate in having a number of new volunteers who are very welcome. If you have the time we would be delighted to have you working along with us at any of the above times.

FLOWERBEDS

We hope to establish a raised flower bed in a small number of estates/roads but only on condition that a resident from same undertakes to weed, water and freshen up as required. If your estate would like such a flower bed, please contact any of the committee or volunteers and we'll see what we can do.

SHANKS MARE (Our walking project)

Our next outing will be on Monday 1st May with a guided walk and the opportunity for a picnic on the Castle lawn. You and your family just arrive at Shanganagh Castle on the Bray Road at 11:00 am, park your car and if you wish to, leave your picnic in same or in the allotments portacabin. The walk will start from the Castle and will include a talk, by Rob Goodbody at Old Rathmichael Church and Graveyard and Rathmichael Ring Fort. The walk should take approximately 2 hours but unfortunately the ground is not buggy friendly, and back to the Castle for your picnic (weather permitting). We hope to have fresh tea or coffee available in the portacabin and if you bring your own wine we can put it in the fridge for you. If for your own good reasons, you can't take part in the walk, you're welcome to bring along your picnic at 2pm. Alternatively you can order your picnic lunch from Bradys (Tel: 2820153 then press 2) or One Café (Tel: 2826139) before 5pm on the 29th and it will be awaiting you at the Castle on your return from the walk.

CLEAN-UP DAY

Thank you to all our volunteers who turned up at our Clean-up Day. It was very successful and the village and estates are certainly looking better. Our thanks to the Gardaí & Panda for their help and also to Bradys for providing the refreshments afterwards.

GRAFFITI

If you see any graffiti please email or any information on who's doing it please email Shankillmatters@gmail.com

DOG FOULING

There are still dog walkers acting anti-socially by disposing plastic bags in the nearby hedges. DLR Co. Council will not remove these so WE had to remove a mound of plastic bags at the St. Anne's Park entrance to Shanganagh Park and on Quinn's Road opposite the style. DLR have been alerted to this problem and where and when it occurs so Residents have only themselves to blame if they end up being prosecuted. PLEASE co-operate to solve this disgusting and hazardous problem.

Local History Society Lectures

Tuesday May 2nd at 8 p.m.: Carmel O'Toole will present her lecture *'Glenmalure: The Wild Heart of the Mountains'* to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
All welcome – admission €3.

Thursday May 4th at 8 p.m.: Cormac Lowth will present his lecture *'The Sinking of the Lusitania'* to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Tuesday May 9th at 8 p.m.: Mike Mulligan will present his lecture *'The Story of our DNA'* to the Genealogical Society of Ireland in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
All welcome.

Tuesday May 16th at 8 p.m.: Diarmuid O'Gradaell will present his lecture *'Georgian Dublin – The forces that shaped the city'* to the Foxrock Local History Club in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. Padraig Laffan will give a short talk *'The 14th century Account Roll of the Priory of the Holy Trinity at Deansgrange.'*
All welcome – admission €5.

Wednesday May 17th at 8 p.m.: Philip Lecane will present her lecture *'Beneath a Turkish Sky – The Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the assault on Gallipoli'* to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – entrance €3.

Thursday May 18th at 8 p.m.: Michael Lee will present his lecture *'Edward Lee, A Model Employer, + Remembering Lees of Bray'* to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
Members free – visitors €5.

Thursday May 25th at 8 p.m.: Margaret Smyth will present her lecture *'Forger, Freemason, Freeman: the story of Samuel Clayton, Dubliner'* to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6.
Admission €3 – Swan Centre Car Park Evening Rate €2 (Total) from 6 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

A Book to Read

'A Safe Anchorage: Dun Laoghaire / Kingstown Harbour 1817-2017', compiled by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society Bi-centenary Book Committee of Anna Scudds, Colin Scudds, and Maria O'Flaherty, published by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society. €8.

This excellent 108 page publication has been published by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society to mark the 200th anniversary of the building of Kingstown / Dun Laoghaire Harbour and contains an excellent selection of articles dealing with various aspects of the harbour's history drawn from articles published in the Society's journal which has appeared annually for the past 25 years.

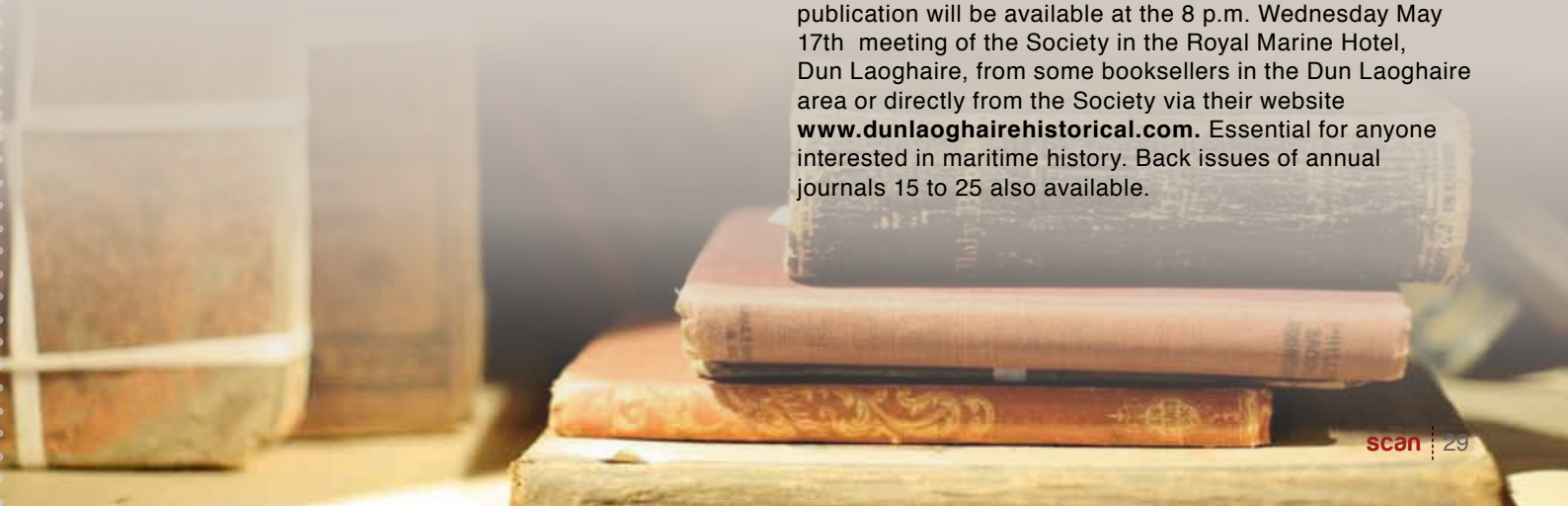
The construction of the harbor and some of the buildings associated are recalled in 'The Father of the Asylum Harbour' (George Kelly), 'The Building of Dun Laoghaire Harbour' (Colin Scudds), 'That Building at the West Pier' (Robbie Brennan), 'The East Pier' (Mairin Cullen), 'Where Foghorn Memories Lie' (Anna & Colin Scudds), 'Carlisle / Mail Boat Pier (Anna Scudds), and 'Mahoney's Boat Yard' (Mick McGovern).

Major storms and maritime disasters covered include 'The Great Storm of 1861' (Colin Scudds), 'Life Boat Disaster' (Seamus O'Connor), 'Lifeboat Men's Children' (Cormac Lowth), 'The Sinking of the RMS Leinster' (Philip LeCane), and 'The Wreck of the Bolivar' (Roy Stokes).

Maritime matters covered include 'Guard Ships at Kingstown' (Cormac Lowth), 'The Kingstown Steamer' (Freda Agnew), 'The Wanderer at Kingstown' (Cormac Lowth), 'Flying Boats in Dun Laoghaire Harbour' (Eamon Power), 'U-Boat in Dun Laoghaire Harbour' (Pat Flood), 'The Dun Laoghaire Mailboat' (Tony Quinn), and 'The Last Lightship' (Colin Scudds).

Other aspects of the Harbour's history covered are 'Harbour Police' (Brendan McGovern), 'Captain Crofton' (Cormac Lowth), 'Marconi at Kingstown' (Seamus O'Connor, 'Patrick Crofton' (Anna Scudds), 'Cruising in Dun Laoghaire' (Stephanie Batt/Kenna) and 'Activities around the Harbour' (Anna Scudds).

This is a really excellent publication to mark the bi-centenary of the harbour with some great illustrations accompanying these fascinating articles. Copies of this publication will be available at the 8 p.m. Wednesday May 17th meeting of the Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, from some booksellers in the Dun Laoghaire area or directly from the Society via their website **www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com.** Essential for anyone interested in maritime history. Back issues of annual journals 15 to 25 also available.



PLANNING NOTICES

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D17A/0280 SEEKING PERMISSION Date: 30-Mar-2017
Kasia Ozmin, Thomond, Holly Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin (A Protected Structure)
New principal entrance at western boundary and new gate to secondary existing entrance to stables at eastern boundary of the property including modifications and alterations to the existing landscaping.

D17B/0038 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 16-Mar-2017
Dermot Daly, Knockbeg, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Demolition of single storey detached garage and construction of 92 sqm two storey hipped roof extension to the side together with new 112 sqm single storey split level extension to the rear and addition of a new dormer window at first floor level of existing 172 sqm two storey dwelling together with internal reconfiguration, refurbishment works and associated site works.

D16A/0831 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 24-Mar-2017
Thomas Kevin Treacy, 80, Dorney Court, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Extension and alteration of existing two storey dwelling comprising construction of two storey family flat, side extension and alterations to existing dwelling, new rear pedestrian entrance, all site development works.

D16A/0994 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 23-Mar-2017
Dominick and Siobhan Hackett, Windrush, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of two storey dwelling house to the eastern side of Windrush. Ancillary works to include construction of new vehicular entrance and relocation of existing entrance on Windrush private access road.

D17A/0065 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Date: 21-Mar-2017
Woodbrook Campus Limited, The Aske House, Dublin Road, Bray, Co Dublin (Site address also known as The Aske, Old Bray Road, Shankill, Co Dublin)
Development of a Specialist Hospital for 56 in-patients, out-patient care and teaching unit, including works to Protected Structures. The works comprise: A. Change of Use of The Aske House, stables and out buildings, a part single and part two storey Protected Structure, from existing residential use to Educational use associated with the Specialist Hospital and incorporating internal alterations and refurbishment works to provide 10 single bed en-suite bedrooms, seminar rooms, library/reading rooms, administration offices, dining area, kitchen, staff changing and ancillary accommodation. B. Change of Use of existing single storey Gate Lodge, a Protected Structure, from residential use to Transitionary Accommodation Unit associated with the Specialist Hospital incorporating alterations and refurbishment works, with existing structure requiring part demolition of rear single storey extension and new single storey extension to rear for kitchen and shower room. C. New single storey Specialist Hospital in-patient and out-patient Treatment and Therapy building incorporating main reception/admissions and waiting area, treatment rooms, hydrotherapy pool, gym, consulting rooms, offices, kitchen and dining rooms, laundry and ancillary stores and accommodation. D. Specialist Hospital adult in-patients accommodation for 48 single patient bedrooms within 6 X 2 storey inter-linked blocks, each unit comprising 2 X 4 bedroom living clusters and incorporating nursing office, living areas, treatment rooms, family bedrooms and ancillary accommodation. E. Two storey Specialist Hospital in-patients accommodation for care of persons under nineteen years old with 8 X single patient bedrooms in 4 bedroom clusters, incorporating nursing office and living areas, treatment rooms, family bedrooms and ancillary accommodation. F. Single storey garden pavilion incorporating garden maintenance equipment shed and pump house. G. Demolition of existing single storey garage. H. Modification/widening of existing site entrance, a Protected Structure, onto Dublin Road. I. Remedial works to existing Crinken Woodbrook stream. J. 84 X car parking spaces and 3 X covered cycle parking units. K. Landscaping works to include management of existing trees and all ancillary site works and site services.

D17B/0045 GRANT PERMISSION FOR RETENTION
Date: 20- Mar-2017
William and Maeve Harkness, Tir Eoghain, Suttons Lane, Ballycorus, Co. Dublin
Retention permission for 37.6 sqm single storey extension to rear/south and b) Permission for 22.4 sqm single storey extensions to west elevation, removal of rear chimney, altered fenestration to west and south elevations, additional and altered roof lights on rear/south facing roof, solar photovoltaic panels on existing garage roof, 12m x 5.3 x maximum 4.5 high car port with solar photovoltaic panel at front of house, and associated site works.

D16A/0932 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 27-Mar-2017
John Hayes, Sheila Hayes and Anna Hayes, 15, Eaton Brae & Scarabrae, Corbawn Lane, Shankill, Co. Dublin.
Subdivision of existing single dwelling with attached granny flat into two separate adjoining dwellings including change of use of existing granny flat into a separate dwelling incorporating existing access from Corbawn Lane. Provision of new physical boundaries between the dwellings and adjoining sites, together with associated site works.

D17A/0083 GRANT PERMISSION FOR RETENTION
Date: 28-Mar-2017
Tullark Property Ltd, 193 Library Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention of a 24 sqm single storey rear extension with pitched roof and new vehicular and pedestrian access to existing dwelling off Library Road.

D17A/0093 GRANT PERMISSION FOR RETENTION
Date: 29-Mar-2017
Suzanne Widger, 23 Corbawn Drive, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention for the continued use as a Montessori school as per Clause 3 in granted planning permission.

D17B/0061 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Date: 30-Mar-2017
Joan McCann, Kilmurray House, Falls Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention of single storey shed and erection of a single storey storage shed and a single storey greenhouse, together with all associated site works.

D16A/0797 WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION
Date: 06-Apr-2017
Andrew Boucher, Burecho, Falls Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Retention of individual standalone 2 bedroom residence, converted from garage as previously granted under D00A/1280 and permission to insert wastewater treatment system for this residence.

D17B/0066 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 07-Apr-2017
Geraldine Hanley, 14, Shrewsbury Hall, Shankill, Co. Dublin
2 storey extension to front &rear of existing house over lounge/kitchen facility. New bedroom at first floor and storage in attic space. Internal alterations and single storey lounge extension to rear.

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